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After ten long years, the iron-fisted rule of DOCTOR ROBOTNIK over planet MOBIUS was believed to have finally ended! With the technological tyrant vanquished and his polluted factories shut down, order and beauty were restored to the city of MOBOTROPOLIS. Now the villain has returned to wreak havoc once more, but there are many who are willing to stand against him in the fight for freedom. The bravest among them is a brash, blue streak who just happens to be the fastest thing alive!

ARCHIE COMICS AND SEGA PRESENT... SONIC THE HEDGEHOG!

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In the last issue: SONIC THE HEDGEHOG and NATE MORGAN intercepted a transmission. It indicated Dr. Robotnik's excavation of the Mystic Ruins. Thinking Robotnik has found the HIDDEN CITY OF THE ANCIENTS, Nate and KING ACORN think it a good idea to travel to the area and warn the inhabitants. As the Freedom Fighters prepare themselves for the journey, Amy Rose asks to go with them. After being told she was too young, Amy angrily leaves with but a wish... a wish she realizes could be fulfilled. As does Prince Elias, wanting nothing more than for his mother, the QUEEN, to be cured from her strange illness. Suddenly, he gets an idea he had not considered before and runs to it only to find...

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Last time we saw
KNUCKLES THE ECHIDNA,
he was shocked to find
the FLOATING ISLAND
grounded, the MASTER
EMERALD blown to bits
and Dr. Robotnik being
the culprit behind it. He
immediately sets out to
Haven to confront the
other Guardians about this
situation...

WHAT'S THE DEAL?
WE SAW A BRIGHT FLASH
OF LIGHT AND-- huh?!

AMY ROSE
--IS THAT REALLY
YOU?!

NONE
OTHER!

SONIC
THE HEDGEHOG

in

*If Wishes
were
Acorns*

"WHAT THE HECK
HAPPENED TO
YOU?"

I HELD ON TO THE RING AND WISHED WITH ALL MY **HEART** TO SOMEHOW BE OLDER ...**FASTER!**

WHY IN ZEE **PLANET** WOULD YOU WANT TO BE WANTING SUCH A **THING**, MON AMIE, AMY?

DON'TCHA MEAN WHY IN THE **WORLD**, ANTOINE?

ZAT WILL DO **NICELY**.

YEAH, AMY-- **WHY?**

WELL, I KINDA **FIGURED** I'D BE ABLE TO TAKE **PART** IN THE MISSION AND **TRAVEL** TO THE HIDDEN CITY...

...IF EVERYONE **THOUGHT** I WAS **OLD** ENOUGH TO DO IT!

JUST 'CAUSE YOU'VE **AGED** A LITTLE DOESN'T MEAN YOU'RE SUDDENLY **MATURE** ENOUGH TO GO **FREEDOM** FIGHTING WITH US!

BESIDES...WHO **KNOWS** IF THE ENERGY YOU'VE **AB-SORBED** FROM THE RING IS GONNA WEAR **OFF** AFTER A WHILE?

AND **THAT**, SONIC, IS PRECISELY THE **REASON** WHY I WOULD LIKE AMY TO **ACCOMPANY** US--

--I DON'T WANT HER TO **REVERT** BEFORE I'VE HAD THE **PROPER** CHANCE TO **EXAMINE** HER!

COOL BEANS...BUT WHAT ABOUT THE RING OF **ACORNS**? ARE THERE ANY **MORE** WISHES LEFT?

NO...I'M **AFRAID** THEY'RE ALL USED UP.

LATER AT THE MED-LAB WHERE QUEEN ALICIA LAYS IN CRYOGENIC SLUMBER...

MOM? I'M NOT CERTAIN IF YOU'RE ABLE TO HEAR ME BUT I SURE HOPE YOU CAN.

I'M TAKING A SHORT JOURNEY --NOTHING AS DRAMATIC AS OUTER SPACE ON THIS OCCASION THOUGH...²

...AND THIS TIME, DADDY HAS ACTUALLY GIVEN ME PERMISSION, SO THAT'S A PLUS RIGHT THERE.

I JUST WANTED TO SAY GOOD-BYE, AND LET YOU KNOW THAT EVEN THOUGH YOU'VE ONLY COME BACK INTO MY LIFE ONLY RECENTLY...

I LOVE U 4 EVER

RIGHT OUTSIDE OF SONIC'S HOME ELSEWHERE IN KNOTHOLE...

HAVE A SAFE TRIP, SON.

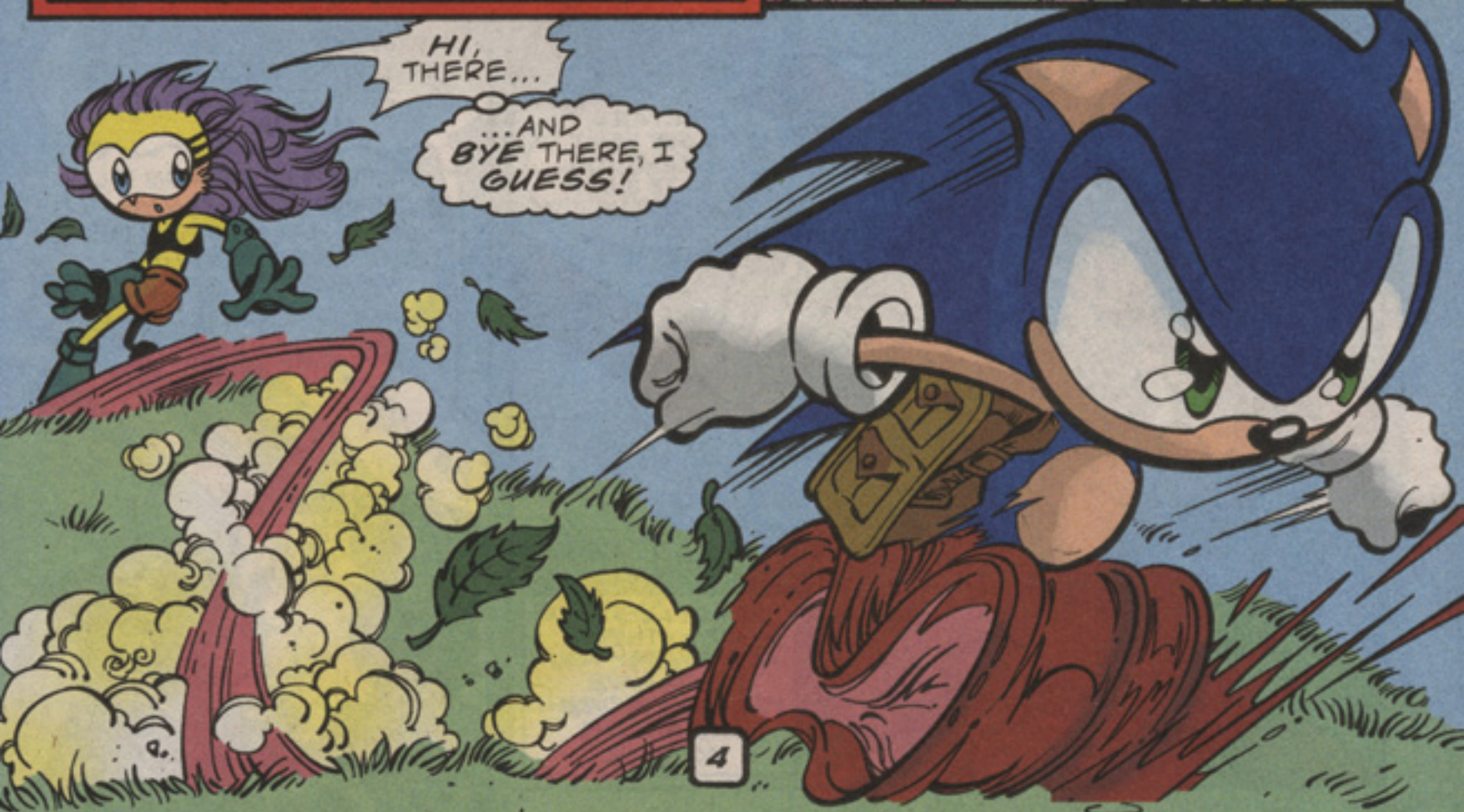
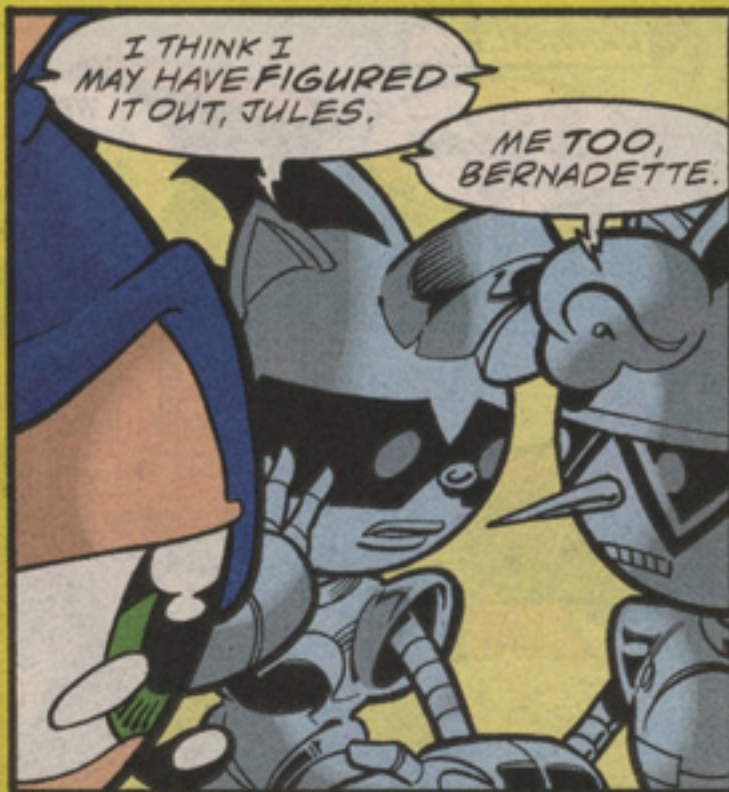
I WILL...

AND PLEASE- PLEASEPLEASE DON'T EAT TOO MANY CHILI-DOGS...

I WON'T...

ALL RIGHT THEN, LET'S HAVE A BIG HUG GOOD-BYE.

I CAN'T.



MEANWHILE...

TELL
US MORE,
NATE!

WELL, THE HIDDEN
CITY OF THE ANCIENTS
IS PRETTY MUCH AN
INDUSTRIALIZED
SOCIETY...

...COMPLETELY IN-
HABITED BY FIVE-
FINGERED OVERLANDERS,
NOT FOUR, AS IS THE
USUAL CASE ON MOBIUS!

FIVE FINGERS--
JUST LIKE SONIC
AND ME?

I KNOW IT'S
DIFFICULT TO
BELIEVE, BUT
THAT'S JUST
THE TIP OF THE
ICEBERG...

SONIC'S
HERE!

YAAAY!

ARE WE
READY TO
JUICE OR
WHAT?

ARE WE
EVER!

GOOD-BYE, DAD!
FAREWELL, ELIAS!
SEE YOU BOTH REAL
SOON!

HIDDEN
CITY, HERE WE
COME!

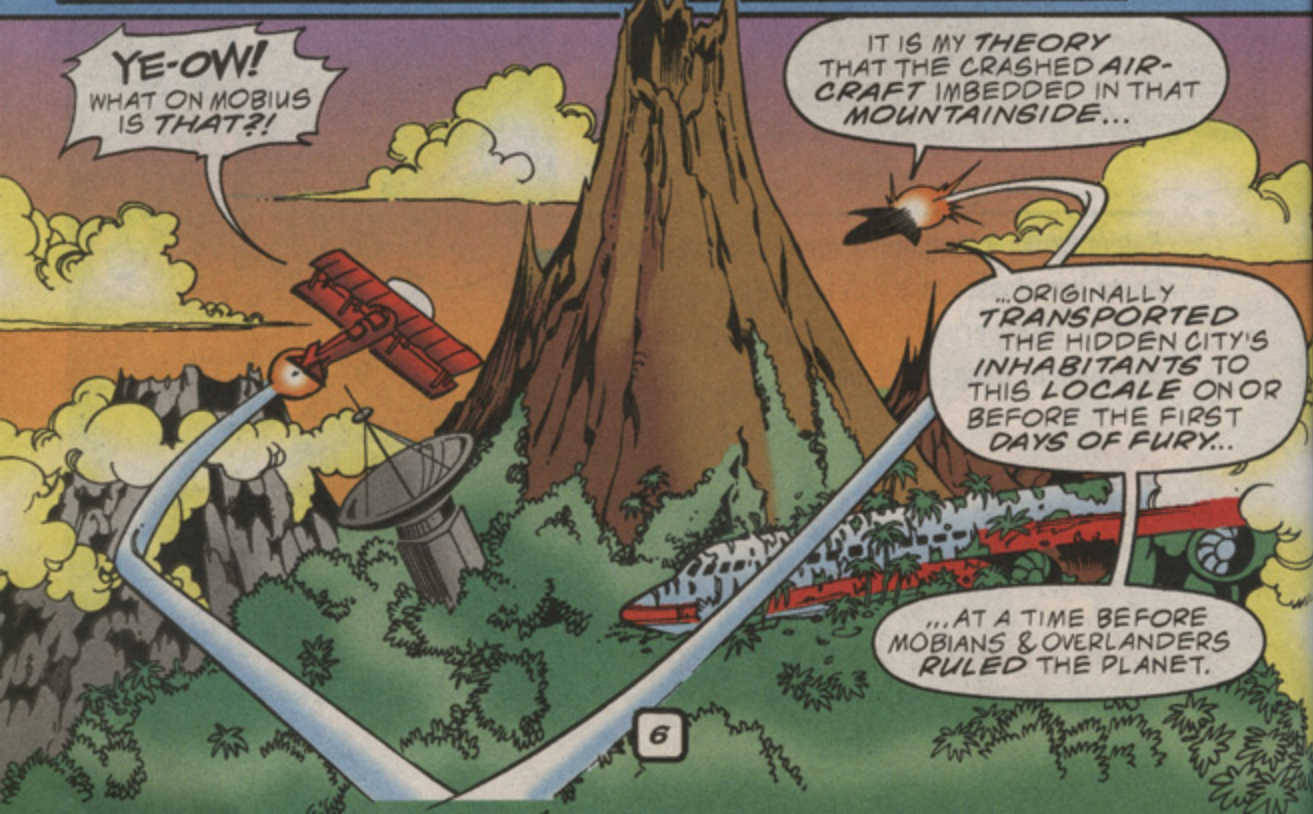
C'MON TAILS,
LET'S SEE WHAT
THIS PLANE YOU
AND NATE BUILT
CAN REALLY
DO!

WITH WHAT'S
LEFT OF THE SUPER
EMERALD AS ITS
POWER SOURCE, "THE
TORNADO" CAN
DO ALOT!

"DO NOT DESPAIR,
MY SON-- THERE
WAS NO WAY YOU
COULD HAVE
POSSIBLY FORE-
SEEN AMY'S
ACTIONS."

PERHAPS THE QUEEN'S
RESTORATION REQUIRES
MORE THAN A SIMPLE
WISH.

IT DOES-- AND I'LL
RISK EVERYTHING TO
SEE THAT MOTHER GETS
WHATEVER IT IS SHE
NEEDS TO GET BETTER!



STRANDED
AS THEY WERE,
THOSE ANCESTRAL
OVERLANDERS
SOUGHT SAFETY
INSIDE THIS NEWLY-
CREATED
FISSURE.

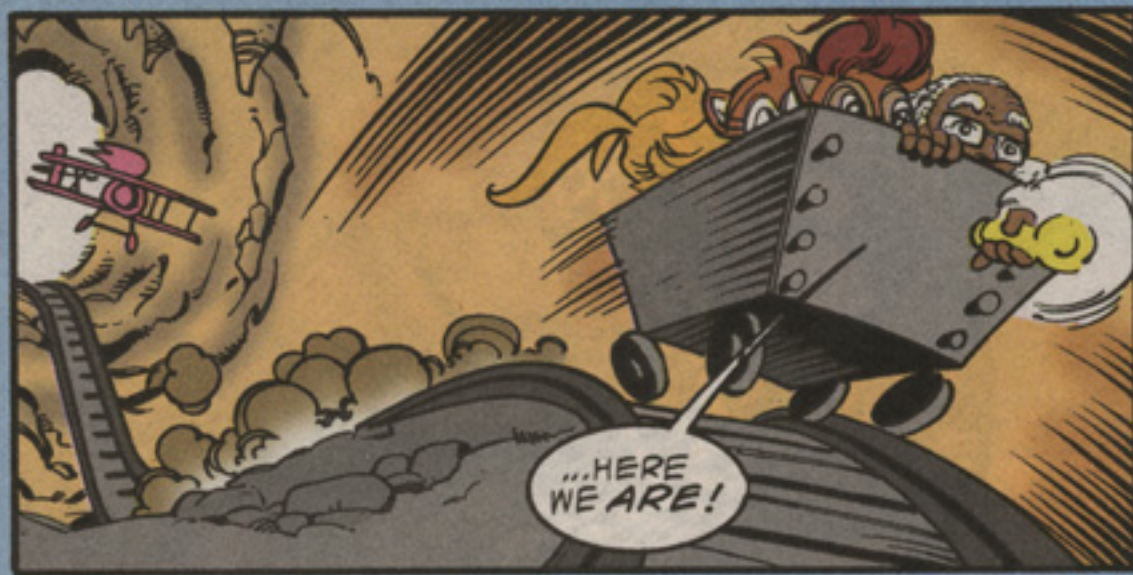
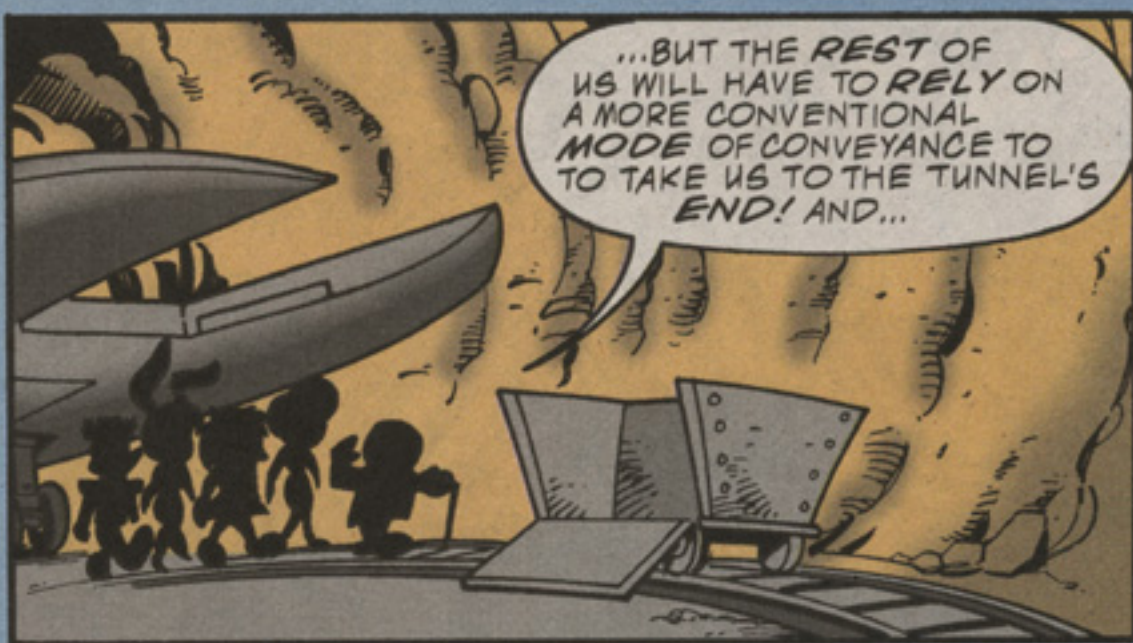
LITTLE DID
THEY SUSPECT
THAT THEY HAD
DISCOVERED
THIS SECRET
ENTRANCE-
WAY...

...ONE THAT
BECOMES MORE
AND MORE NARROW
THE FURTHER ONE
TRAVELS.

TAILS' BI-PLANE
SHOULD HAVE NO
PROBLEM BRIDGING
THE GAP...



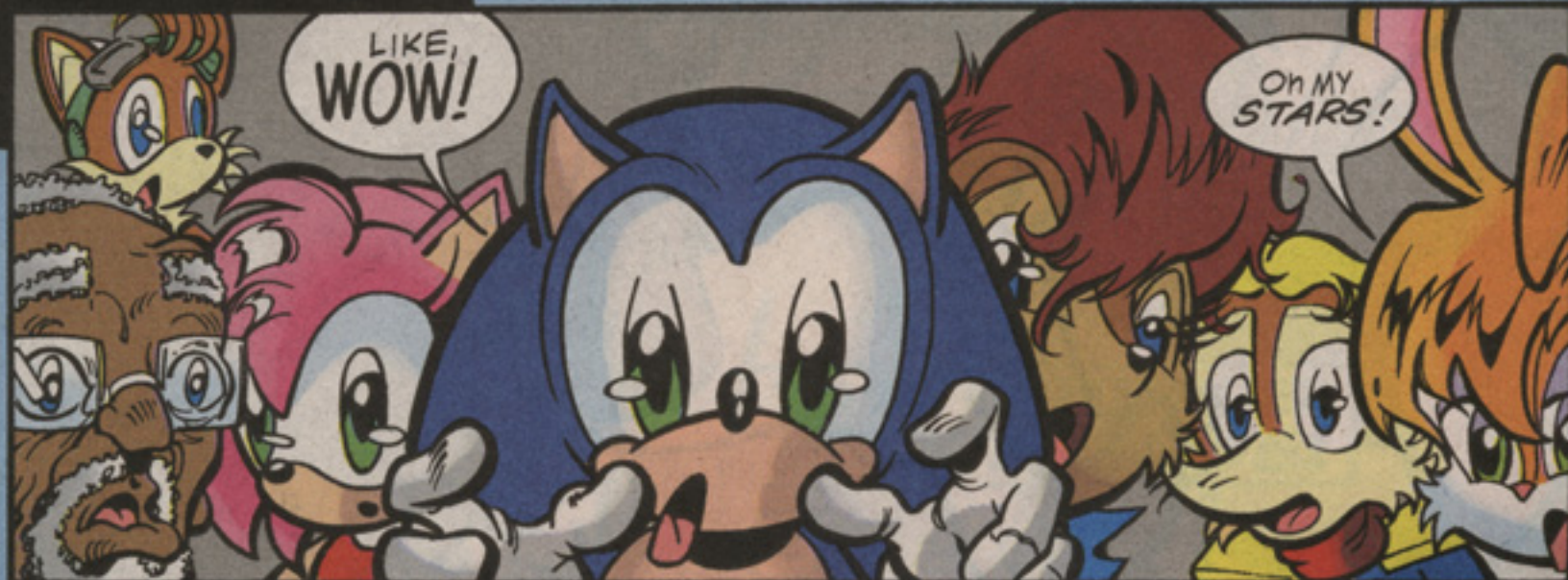
...BUT THE REST OF
US WILL HAVE TO RELY ON
A MORE CONVENTIONAL
MODE OF CONVEYANCE TO
TO TAKE US TO THE TUNNEL'S
END! AND...



...HERE
WE ARE!

LIKE,
WOW!

Oh MY
STARS!







FREEDOM
FIGHTERS,
BEHOLD...

...THE HIDDEN
CITY OF THE
ANCIENTS!

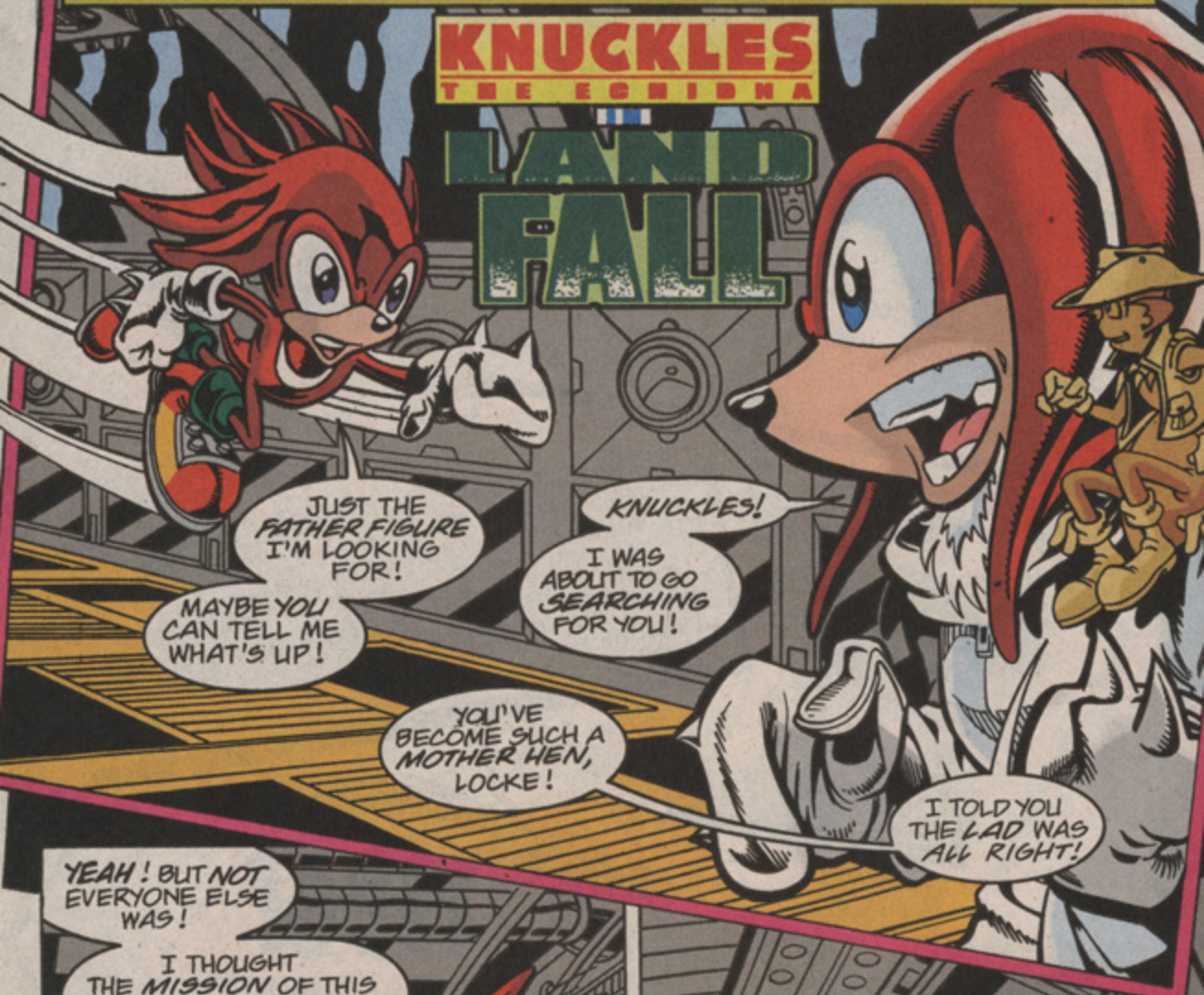
**TO BE CONTINUED
NEXT ISSUE!**

Born to the most noble of Echidna houses, the latest to continue the family heritage and responsibility as Guardian of The Floating Island, defender of all against the forces of evil from the world beyond as well as those who would threaten from within!

ARCHIE COMICS AND SEGA PRESENT... KNUCKLES THE ECHIDNA!

KNUCKLES THE ECHIDNA

LAND FALL



JUST THE
FATHER FIGURE
I'M LOOKING
FOR!

MAYBE YOU
CAN TELL ME
WHAT'S UP!

KNUCKLES!

I WAS
ABOUT TO GO
SEARCHING
FOR YOU!

YOU'VE
BECOME SUCH A
MOTHER HEN,
LOCKE!

I TOLD YOU
THE LAD WAS
ALL RIGHT!

YEAH! BUT NOT
EVERYONE ELSE
WAS!

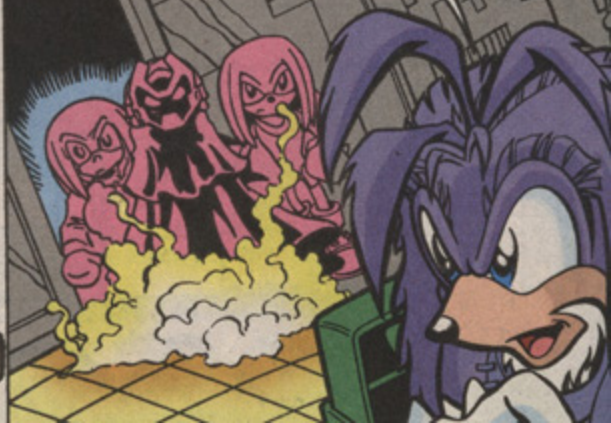
I THOUGHT
THE MISSION OF THIS
PLACE WAS TO PROTECT
THE FLOATING ISLAND!

THUNDERHAWK
WAS ON DUTY IN
THE COMMAND
CENTER--



"-- SO IT'S A GOOD
BET HE'LL HAVE
SOME ANSWERS!"

THANKS TO THAT
FOOL, HUNTER², AND
US NOT RESTORING THE
FAIL-SAFES QUICK
ENOUGH--



--OBSVIOUSLY RESULTED IN US BEING SUSCEPTIBLE TO ATTACK!

HOLD ON!
IT'S THE
CONSTABLE!

REMINGTON TO
GUARDIANS--

--WE'RE STILL PIECING
TOGETHER THE SEQUENCE
OF EVENTS!²

WE DID, HOWEVER,
OBTAIN VIDEO IMAGES
WHICH I'M CERTAIN YOU'LL
FIND INTERESTING!

APPARENTLY THIS SEEMS
TO BE THE FIELD COMMANDER
OF THE ATTACK FORCE!

ODD-LOOKING
DUCK, TO SAY THE
LEAST!

I'D SWEAR THAT'S
ROBOTNIK!

BUT
HE SEEMS SO
DIFFERENT!

IF IT IS
- HIM--

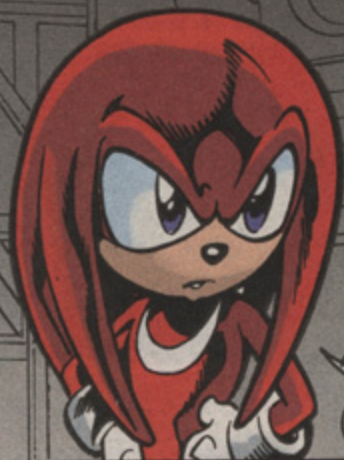
--THAT WOULD
EXPLAIN A
LOT!

HE'S ALWAYS
BEEN AFTER THE CHAOS
EMERALD!

UNFORTUNATELY,
THAT'S ALL THE VIDEO
WE HAVE!

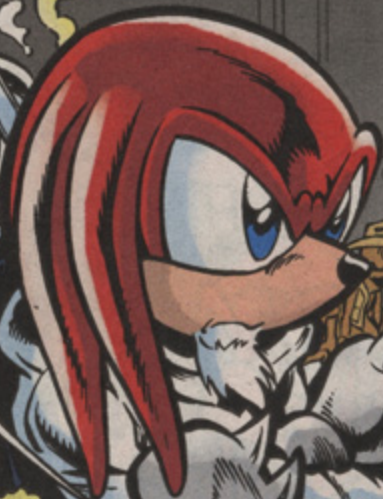
THE WAY
I SEE IT,
WE HAVE TWO
CHOICES--

ONE--WE WORK TO
RESTORE THE ISLAND
THE WAY IT WAS BEFORE
THIS DISASTER--



--OR TWO--WE GO
AFTER THE PARTY
RESPONSIBLE
FOR IT!

EITHER ONE
OR THE OTHER?
THAT'S SOME CHOICE!



ACTIVATE LONG DISTANCE
CAM! SEE IF WE CAN STILL
GET A PICTURE.

WE'RE IN
LUCK!

AND
HE'S HEADING
TOWARDS THE
MAINLAND!

--SINCE
THE BLAST
SPREAD EMERALD
PIECES ALL
OVER THAT
AREA!



WHAT'S EVEN MORE
INTERESTING IS
THE AREA ITSELF--

--THE MYSTERIOUS
CAT COUNTRY!

WE JUST WENT FROM
THE FRYING PAN
INTO THE FIRE!



WE COULD'VE
AVOIDED
ALL THIS,
Y'KNOW!

IF YOU GUYS HAD ONLY
HELPED PRINCESS SALLY
WHEN SHE CAME TO US,
WE WOULDN'T BE IN
THIS MESS!

THAT'S
ENOUGH,
KNICKLES!

I'M STILL YOUR FATHER,
AND I WILL NOT HAVE YOU
ADDRESSING YOUR ELDERS IN
THAT TONE OF VOICE!

WHATEVER
YOU MAY
THINK OF OUR
DECISION--



--THE GREATER GOOD
IS ALWAYS OUR LITMOST
CONCERN!

WAS IT
IN THIS CASE,
LOCKE?

LOOK
AROUND
YOU!

BASED ON ALL
PREVIOUS DATA, SPECTRE,
OUR DECISION WAS THE
CORRECT ONE!

IF WE ARE
DEALING WITH
ROBOTNIK--

--WHATEVER REASONS
PREVENTED HIM FROM
TAKING SIMILAR ACTION
PRIOR TO THIS ARE NO
LONGER VALID!

WHO CARES
WHY?

IF YOU'LL
EXCUSE ME--

--I'M GOING
AFTER ROBOTNIK AND
SEE IF HE CAN'T PUT
ALL THE PIECES BACK
TOGETHER AGAIN!

"THIS IS BAD!
REAL BAD!"

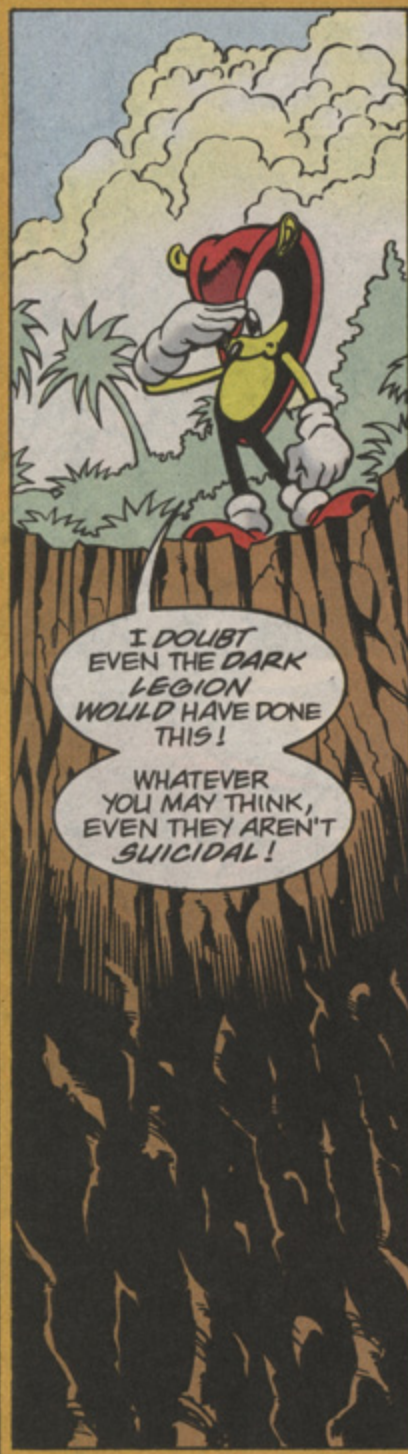
MY HOMIES ARE
SURE QUICK ON
THE PICK-UP,
MIGHTY!

NO SIGN
OF KNUCKLES
ANYWHERE!

AND THE
CHAOS CHAMBER--
IT'S--

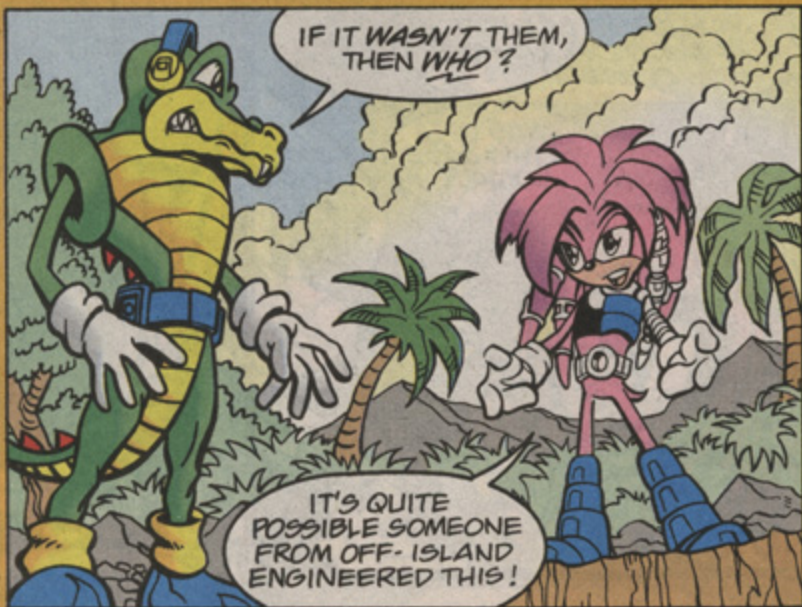
IT'S
SURE SERIOUS
BUSINESS!

IF I DIDN'T
KNOW BETTER, I'D
SWEAR MY
FORMER COMRADES^a
WERE INVOLVED
SOMEHOW!



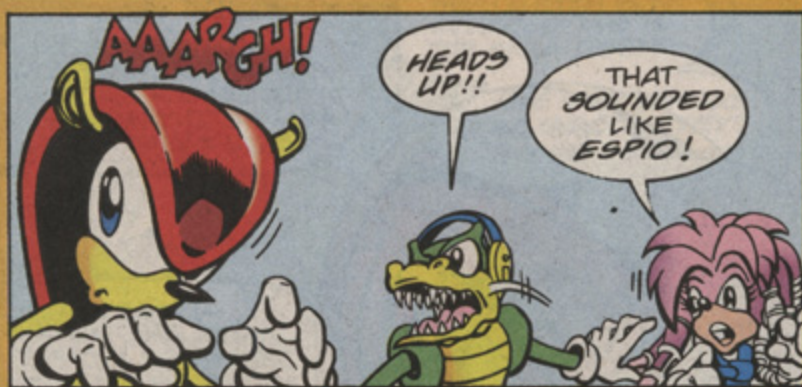
I DOUBT
EVEN THE DARK
LEGION
WOULD HAVE DONE
THIS!

WHATEVER
YOU MAY THINK,
EVEN THEY AREN'T
SUICIDAL!



IF IT WASN'T THEM,
THEN WHO?

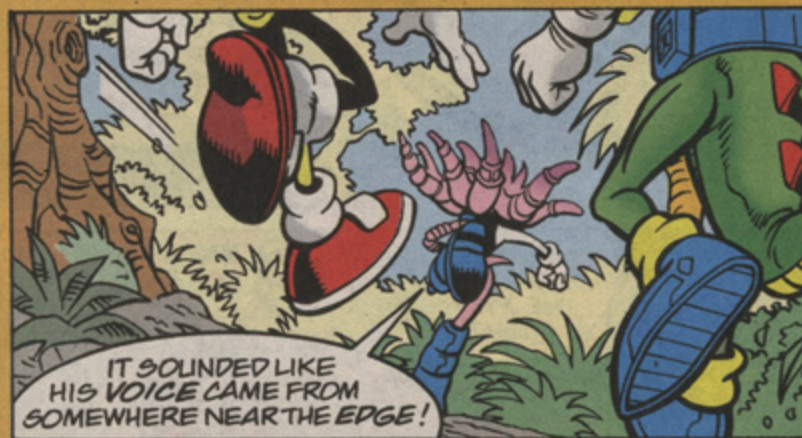
IT'S QUITE
POSSIBLE SOMEONE
FROM OFF-ISLAND
ENGINEERED THIS!



AAARGH!

HEADS
UP!!

THAT
SOUNDED
LIKE
ESPION!



IT SOUNDED LIKE
HIS VOICE CAME FROM
SOMEWHERE NEAR THE EDGE!



NOT EDGE--THE
BEACH!!
WILL YOU
LOOK AT
THAT!!

I'VE NEVER
BEFORE SEEN
ANYTHING
LIKE 'EM!

WHAT?!!

THE
SHORELINE
NEXT TO THE
ISLAND?--

"--OR THOSE
WICKED-LOOKIN'
CATS ?!! "

HEY,
GUYS--

--MEET OUR NEW
"NEIGHBORS!"

THE ADVENTURE CONTINUES...IN
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BE HERE! ALOHA! AND SOON...
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ELSEWHERE ON MOBILUS, IN THE MYSTERIOUS CAT COUNTRY.

AS THE STARS GLITTER BRILLIANTLY ACROSS THE SKY, A SERENE CALM HOLDS SWAY THROUGHOUT THE NIGHT AIR, BROKEN ONLY BY THE CHIRPING OF CRICKETS, AND THE HEAVY BREATHING OF A VERY CONTENT CAT NAMED BIG...

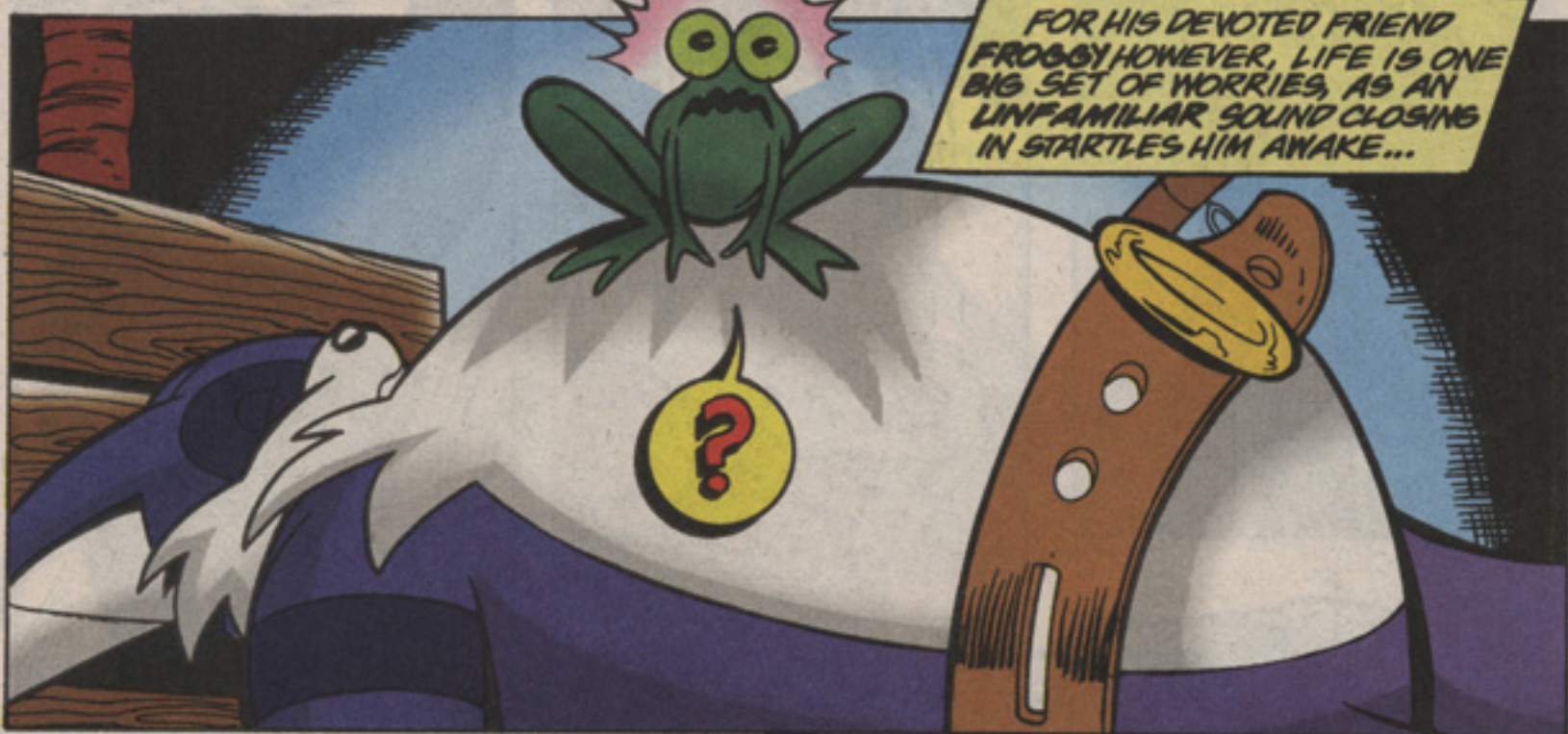
FOR BIG, LIFE JUST DOESN'T GET ANY BETTER THAN THIS...

BIG THE CAT

IN:
**SWALLOWING
TROUBLE**

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- Writer/Inker
Jim Valentino
- Penciler
Frank Gagliardo
- Colorist
Vickie Williams
- Letterer
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- Editor

FOR HIS DEVOTED FRIEND FROGGY HOWEVER, LIFE IS ONE BIG SET OF WORRIES, AS AN UNFAMILIAR SOUND CLOSING IN STARTLES HIM AWAKE...

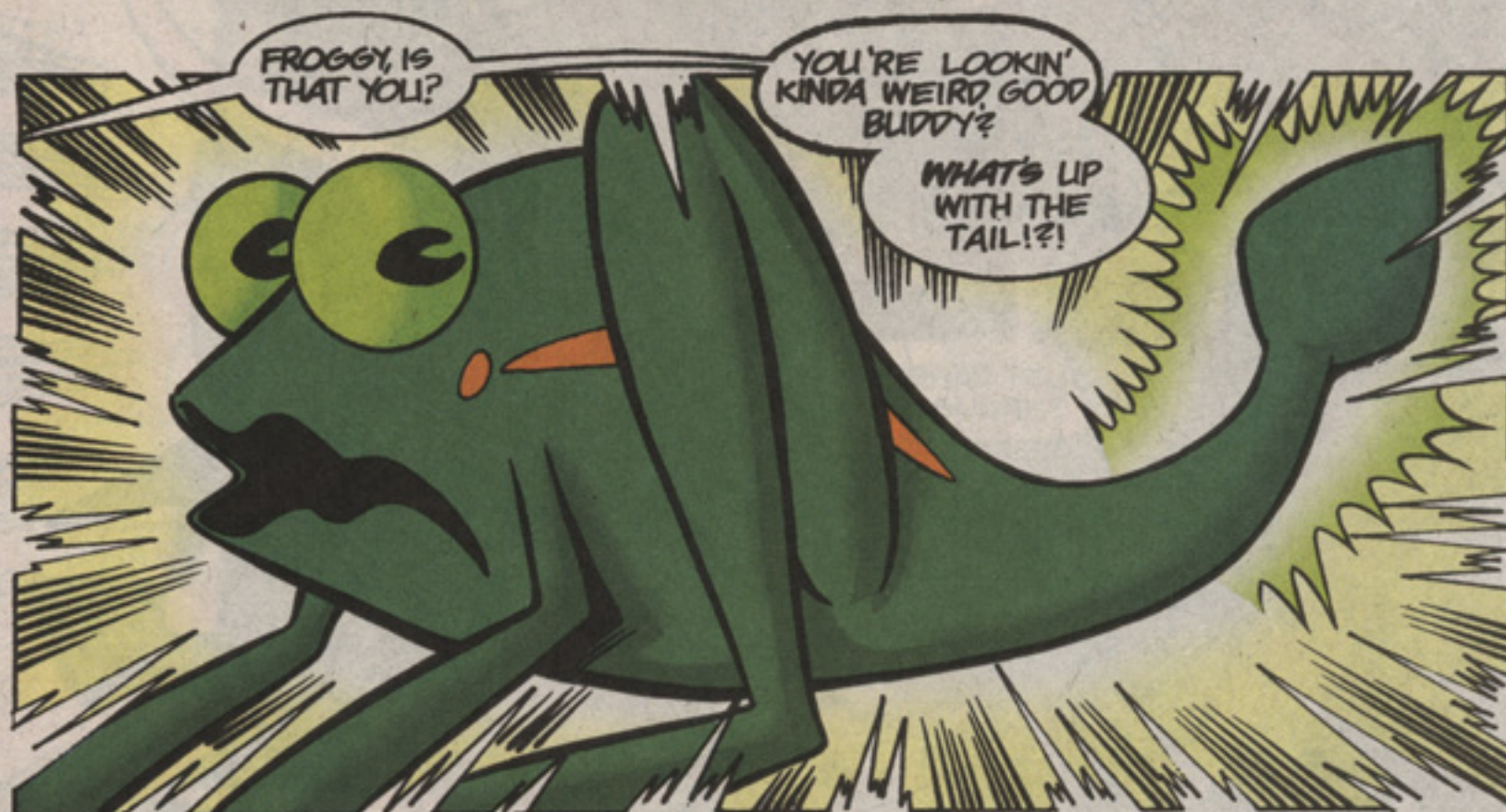
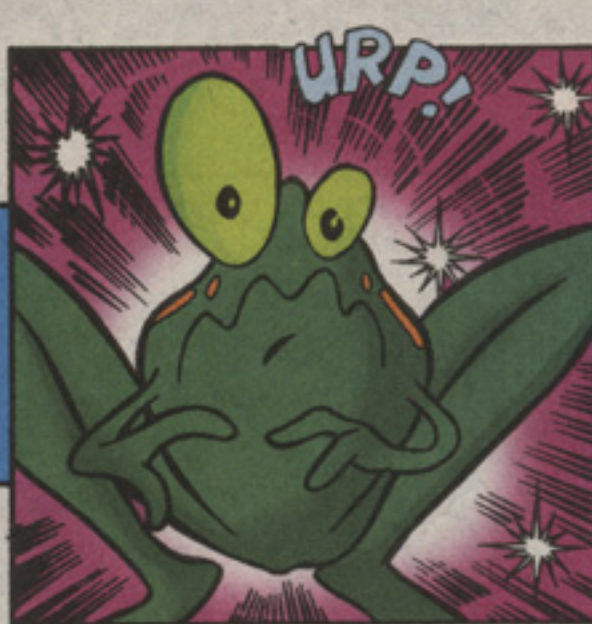
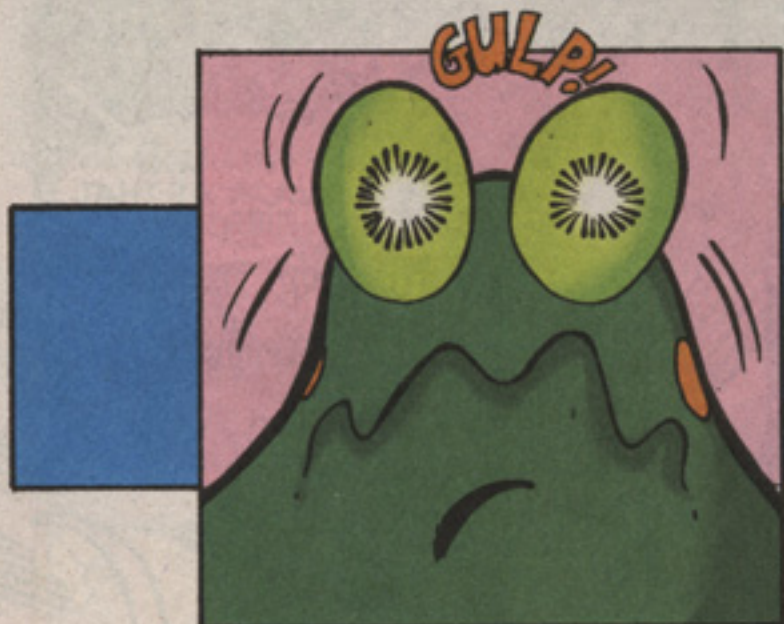




AND WOULDN'T YOU KNOW IT?

BIG IS SO OUT OF IT, HE COULD PROBABLY SLEEP THROUGH ANYTHING!





COME
BACK HERE.
WHAT'S WRONG
WITH YOU?

SOMETHING'S NOT
RIGHT. WE'VE BEEN
FRIENDS... FOR
YEARS.

?

URRp!!

YEAH,
I HEAR IT,
TOO!

HOWDY,
STRANGER!

JUST PASSING
THROUGH?

BRIIP-
BRIIP!

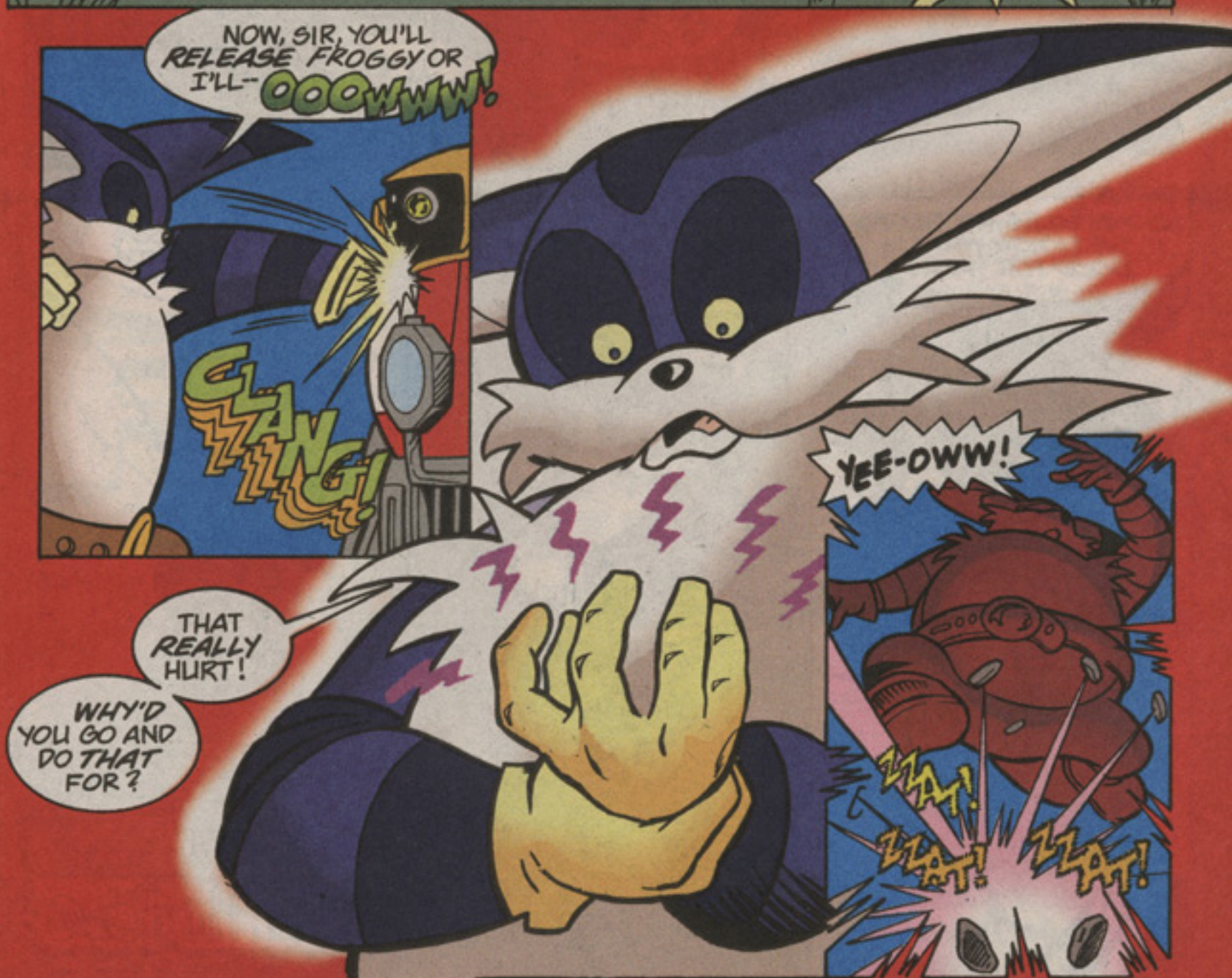
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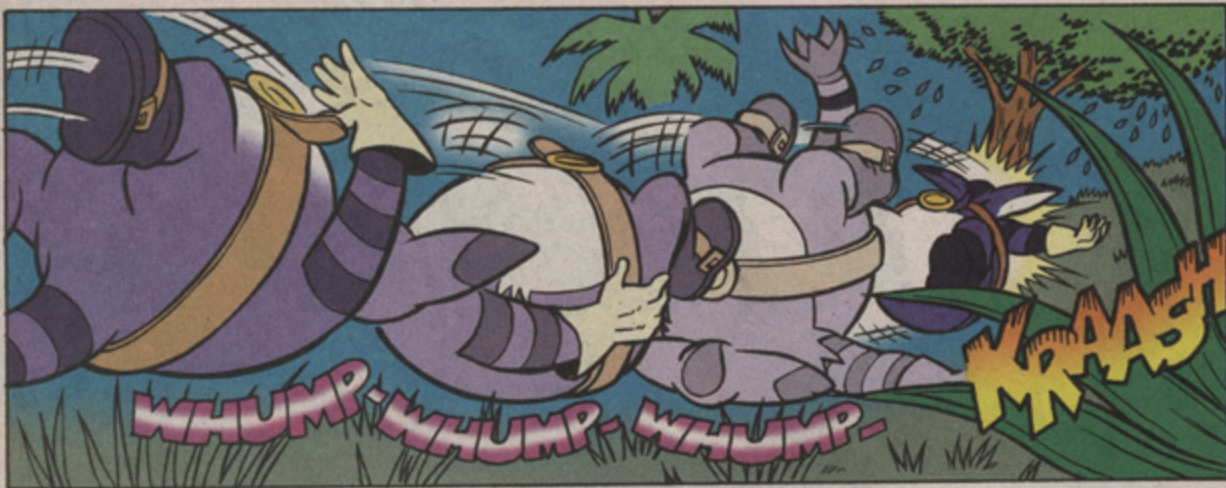
WILL YOU
LOOK AT THAT,
FROGGY!

BREEP
BREEP
BREEP

WAAH!!

FROGGY!





NO FAIR HITTING
A CAT WHEN HE ISN'T
LOOKING!



HEY!!

NO,
HOLD ON
THERE!

GIVE ME MY
FRIEND BACK!
I'M BEGGIN'
YA PLEASE!



NO ONE TAKES MY BUDDY
IF THEY KNOW WHAT'S
GOOD FOR THEM!



SINCE THAT
BUCKET OF BOLTS
PROBABLY
DOESN'T
KNOW ANY
BETTER--



--I GUESS
I'LL HAVE TO GO
SHOW HIM WHAT'S
WHAT!

NEXT: Amy Rose

SONIC-GRAMS



OFF PANEL by M. Gallagher and D. Manak **THIS JUST IN!**

Welcome to the second installment of our adaptation of 'SONIC ADVENTURE!' Making an adaptation usually is not easy to put together -- and this one was no exception. To understand the story in its entirety, the game itself had to be beaten all the way to the end no later than four months before the first issue would see print. Not an easy task since the game was still being translated from Japanese to English at the time. Luckily, our man SPAZ is a video game freak (Hint: see Gamefan magazine and you'll see what I mean) and he couldn't help getting the Japanese version. Though we couldn't understand a word of it, SPAZ spent many hours of his own time playing 'SONIC ADVENTURE' until he finally succeeded in beating the game with his sanity barely intact. This information was so useful to all our writers and artists on this multi-issue project that I can't thank him enough for it. Then, I asked our very own Harvo to have him and his friend, Chris Cowgill, translate the Japanese version into English. It was at this point that I sat down and began to write an outline for all to follow that would combine the game's story with our own comic. That, fans, is how the ball got rolling. However, things didn't get easier. When the American version of the game came out, some of it didn't match the translation. To make sure we got it right, your very own editor spent hours at home beating the U.S. version of 'SONIC ADVENTURE!' In the end, it was all worth it! After reading it, I hope you feel the same. That's it for this month, so until then...



J.F. GABRIE
EDITOR / ART DIRECTOR

Catch you on the flip side!

Note: Due to the overwhelming amount of e-mail and snail mail, it is impossible for us to reply personally to each and every message. However, your opinions are important to us and each message will be read. Also, due to space limitations, some correspondence may be edited. Thanks for understanding!

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Footnote References:

"IF WISHES WERE ACORNS..."

1) See last issue.

2) SONIC THE HEDGEHOG #74.

3&4) SONIC THE HEDGEHOG #73.

"LAND FALL"

1) KNUCKLES THE ECHIDNA #30-#32.

2) See last issue.

3) KNUCKLES THE ECHIDNA #29.

4) Julie-Su refers to "The Dark Legion," a renegade technological group of echidnas.

"SWALLOWING TROUBLE"

1) Not garbage but rather debris off the feet of a hovering E-102.

2) A piece of the creature known as Chaos.

Re: SONIC THE HEDGEHOG #76 and KNUCKLES THE ECHIDNA #29...

It seems that "Business as Usual", featuring the debut of Fry as our new penciler, and "My Special Friend", which guest-starred Princess Sally, has gotten a great deal of response from you hedgehog and echidna fans out there! Here's a sampling from both titles:

Hey Sonic,

Just finished reading issue #76! You'd think Robotnik would've picked a new, good-looking artificial body. I can't decide if he looks better or worse now! About this new girl Mina...what type of animal is she? Will we see much more of her? She seems interesting. Oh, and I wanted to ask about sending in fan art. Are the drawings returned? If you don't want to send in the original, can you send in a copy? I was thinking of sending some in. I've been reading since Sonic #16, and I never expected the story to get this complex! Keep surprising us!

Kelley Gillespie (age 14)

Glen Burnie, MD

Brace yourself, Kelley. We know it's too scary to imagine, but maybe Robotnik thinks his new body IS good-looking! As for Mina, she's a mongoose and you can expect to see more of her in the future.

Dear Knuckles Team,

I was amused at the meeting of Knuckles and Princess Sally in Knuckles #29, especially the reason behind Princess Sally being colored differently. I know that when she was featured in the beginning of Sonic's run, she started out pink with yellow hair, and then pink with black hair, but I never saw her red with yellow hair! I hope to see Princess Sally meet Knuckles again, or maybe have Bunnie Rabbot or

COMING ATTRACTIONS

Next Month: THE OFFICIAL GAME ADAPTATION OF THE NEW SEGA DREAMCAST'S "SONIC ADVENTURE" CONTINUES! In the first story, our heroes tour The Hidden City of the Ancients. But how do the inhabitants feel about that? Story by Bollers with breakdowns by Fry and art by Ribiero & Pepoy. The second story stars Knuckles exploring the Mystic Ruins. Story & Art by Penders, Butler and Eklund. Also included, a solo story with Amy Rose. All this in the next exciting issue of SONIC THE HEDGEHOG!

SONIC THE HEDGEHOG #81 on sale late January 2000!



Amy Rose meet him.

Darryl Heine
Inverness, IL

Happy to hear that Sally's early experiments with hair-dye gave you such a kick, Darryl!

Dear Sonic and Company,

I love the way the storyline is going! The slow shift to fit Sonic Adventure worked great. Since there will be a comic adaptation, will we see Big the Cat, that robot, and Amy Rose's new style? I can't wait for the game to come out. I played it in the mall and fell in love! Being an anime fan, I liked Fry's homage to Tenchi Muyo on page 6. Nice way to fit it in. Fry's a very good artist. I can only hope to one day do so well. I've been a loyal reader for five years and plan to keep reading until there are no more (Heaven forbid) Sonic comics! Keep it cool!

Priscilla "Nuku Nuku" Lassiter (age 17)
Floral, AL

Glad you're appreciating our efforts, 'Nuku'. In this very issue, you saw Amy Rose's transformation into her Dreamcast counterpart, as well as the debut of Big the Cat. More to follow, and by the way, we thought your doodle had some Fry-like qualities of its own!

Dear Sonic staff,

I just read Knuckles #29 and Fiona Fox is back, so I have a suggestion. Could you make a comic where Tails meets the REAL Fiona Fox? That would make my day! Until next time, keep cool! Gotta juice!

Patrick Harrington (age 10)
Gainesville, FL

Patrick wants to see Tails and Fiona get together again. Any of you other fans out there feel the same way?

Dear Sonic-Grams,

Congratulations on another awesome issue of Sonic. This was the best issue since #75 (okay, so they're all good). The only weird thing is Tails' face. His eyes are blue! Anyway, I've got some questions: 1) Is Robo-Robotnik gone, or is he in the new Robotnik? 2) Is everyone going to live in Knothole? 3) Did Snively befriend Sonic? I can't wait for next month's issue. Keep the good covers and great stories coming!

Mark Ziemer
Roswell, GA

Thanks for the congrats, Mark. In response to your questions: 1) The "new" Robotnik is merely Robo-Robotnik's latest artificial body. 2) Only Mobians who wish to stay there. 3) Sonic and Snively aren't friends so much as they're enemies who both share a common foe in Robotnik.

Dear Team Sonic,

The artwork from Fry and Pepoy was astounding! Especially now that it's taken on the Japanese animation style! Tails never looked better and I much prefer Eggman over the old Robotnik. Bunny and Sally look sooo cute!

Matrin Weyn (age 8 1/2)

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Messrs. Fry and Pepoy have gotten a great deal of positive response. Are they the best thing to come along since sliced bread...or even better?

We appreciate your comments on SONIC #76. See you in thirty as we review SONIC THE HEDGEHOG #77. And remember...

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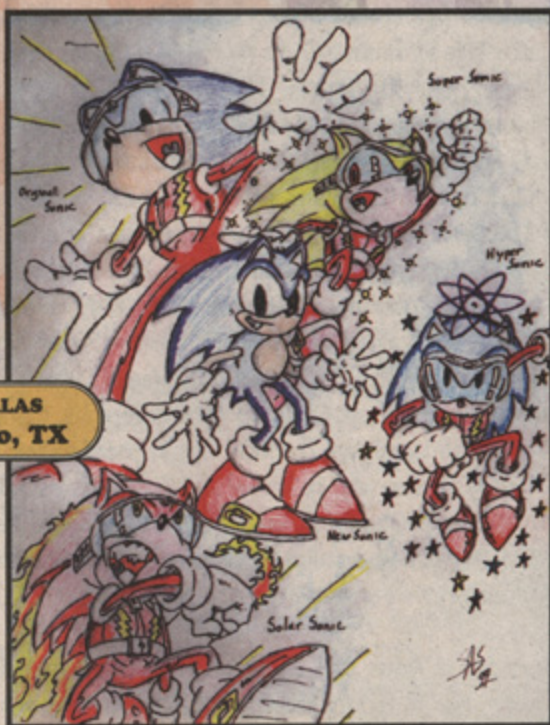
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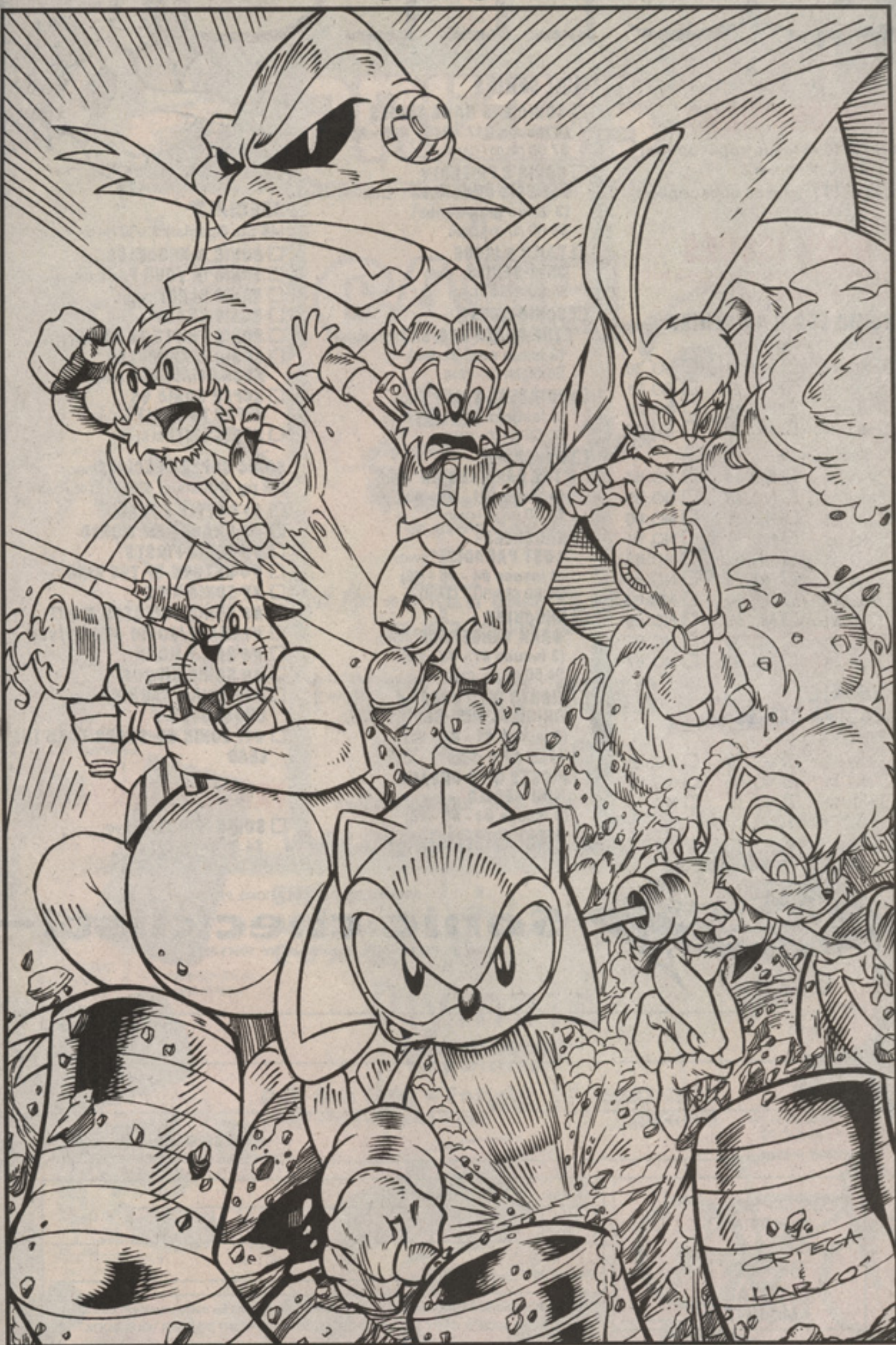
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